(घ) कोलियरियों के क्षेत्रों में कोयले की चोरी और कोयला माफिया क्रिया-कलापों को रोके जाने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों में, अन्य बातों के अलावा, निम्न कदम शामिल हैं :—

(1) कोयला कंपनियों की सुरक्षा कार्मिकों तथा केन्द्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (सी० आई०एस०एफ०) द्वारा गहन रूप में गश्त लगाया जाना ।

(2) राज्य/जिला प्राधिकारियों के साथ निकटतम सम्पर्क रखा जाना ।

(3) सी०आई०एस०एफ० तथा स्थानीय पुलिस द्वारा गैर कानूनी कोयले के डिपों पर छापे मारा जाना ।

(4) सुरक्षा कार्मिकों द्वारा अचानक जांच/छापे मारा जाना ।

(5) अपराधियों को पुलिस को सौंपा जाना तथा प्रथम सूचना रिपोर्ट दर्ज किया जाना ।

(6) आंसूचना से माध्यम से सूचना का संग्रहण किया जाना ।

Colliery Control Order, 1945

7601. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Colliery Control Order, 1945 has been reviewed during the last 50 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the functions of the Coal Controller; and

(d) what would be the functions of the Coal Controller in the light of the liberalisation scheme and giving permission to foreign companies for exploration of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA):(a) and (b) Colliery Control Order 1945 and notifications issued thereunder are being reviewed and modified from time to time to suit the changing situations. Some of the recent notifications provide for making Coal Controller as the authority for distribution of coal, exempting coal sold under Liberalised Sales Scheme from some controls, and empowering the Government to exempt certain transactions from the provisions of the Colliery Control Order.

(c) Main functions of the Coal Controller are as follows :—

(i) to monitor the quality of coal;

(ii) to grant permission for opening and reopening of seams and mines;

(iii) to undertake distribution of coal;

(iv) to make recommendations for payment of subsidy towards stowing and protective works for conservation purposes; and

(v) to assess and sollest stowing excise duty.

(d) There is no proposal at present to modify the functions of the Coal Controller.

Large scale shortage of coal

7602. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is a large scale shortage of coal which was conveyed to Government by concerned authorities recently; and

(b) what artion has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) A Government Committee was appointed on 27-7-92 to look into the stock shortages in Bharat Coking Coal Limited. The Committee submitted its report on 24-12-92 reporting stock shortages upto 1991-92. Action has been initiated

against the officers found responsible on the basis of the report of the Committee. Two more Government Committees were appointed on 19-5-93 and 7.10.94 to look into the stock shortages in Eastern Coalfields Limited and Central Coalfields Limited respectively. These two Committees have not yet submitted their final reports.

राज्य व्यापार निगम तथा खनिज तथा धातु व्यापार निगम में भ्रष्टाचार

7603. **श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्ष के दौरान राज्य व्यापार निगम तथा खनिज तथा धातु व्यापार निगम के कितने अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही की गई और कितने अधिकारियों की सेवाएं समाप्त की गई अथवा उनके स्थानांतरण आदेश जारी किए गए ; और

(ख) सरकार इन दोनों उपक्रमों में भ्रष्ट अधिकारियों तथा कदाचारों में लिप्त व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) कलेण्डर वर्ष 1992, 1993 और 1994 के दौरान एस टी सी और एम एम टी सी के जिन अधिकारियों के खिलाफ विभागीय कार्रवाई की गई है उनकी संख्या अलग-अलग नीचे दी गई हैं :—

	एस टी सी	एम एम टी सी
विभागीय जांच पूर्ण	23	12
कार्रवाई चल रही	09	09
सेवाएं समाप्त की गई	03	शून्य

प्रशासनिक आवश्यकतानुसार स्थानान्तरण किए गए ।

(ख) बोर्ड स्तर के पदाधिकारियों के मामले में आवश्यक सतर्कता कार्रवाई अन्य एजेंसियों के परामर्श से वाणिज्य मंत्रालय द्वारा की जाती है । अन्य कर्मचारियों के लिए सतर्कता कार्रवाई संबंधित निगमों द्वारा की जाती है ।

Declining Quality of Darjeeling Tea

7604. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the facts that some buyers of Darjeeling tea have complained the declining quality in the favour of this tea due to the rise of chemical fertilisers and have reportedly denied to buy a huge consignment of the same in recent past;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether alternative measures to replace such chemical fertilisers have been contemplated so far; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Tea Board is not aware of any such report regarding tea buyers denying to buy huge quantity of Darjeeling tea because of its declining quality in flavour due to increased use of chemical fertilisers.

(c) and (d) In the recent years some organic manures and microbial culturers are being used for the tea plantations which improve the physical conditions of the soil and also partly reduce the load of chemical fertilisers. Commonly used products of organic manures are neem cake, fym compost, mulch of weed and prunning litters. Microbial cultures are also available for commercial use.

In order to promote the use of organic manures and to use fertilisers judiciously, Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation in the Ministry of Agriculture is implementing the following schemes :—